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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 16, line 5: insert --when/then-- before "statements";

Claim 18/ line 15:/change "means for automatically and

continuously providing" to -\{means for providing automatic and

continuous-3

Please add claims 20-25:

_ 20. A system including means for executing a decisional rule which performs a task upon the fulfillment of a condition, the system providing automatic and continuous iterative evaluations of whether a condition is fulfilled until the condition is fulfilled at least oxce and which resumes any further processing only after the condition is fulfilled once, which automatically

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